

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 15, 2003

IN RE:

**PETITION OF COVISTA, INC. FOR
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETING
LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN
TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00459**

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR NINETY-DAY EXTENSION TO FILE
RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS**

This docket came before the Hearing Officer for consideration of a motion in the form of a request for a 90-day extension to file responses (the "Motion") filed by the attorney for Covista, Inc. ("Covista") on November 20, 2003. The motion requests an additional ninety (90) days for Covista to file responses to the data request prepared by the Staff of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and filed in this Docket on August 11, 2003 (the "Data Request").

To the extent that Covista is entitled to an order granting or denying its application for certification as a competing telecommunications service provider pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, the Hearing Officer finds that the application of Covista shall remain incomplete until responses to the Data Request are filed.

This is Covista's first request for an extension of time to file responses and as such the Hearing Officer finds the requested relief to be reasonable. Therefore the Hearing Officer concludes that the request should be granted and that Covista shall have an additional ninety (90) days from the date of the Motion to file responses to the Data Request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Covista, Inc. shall file any responses to the Data Request on or before Wednesday, February 18, 2004.

2. The *Application of Covista, Inc. for Authority to Provide Competing Local Exchange Service* shall remain incomplete for purposes of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 until the responses to the Data Request are filed.



Randal Gilliam, Hearing Officer